

Application No.: 10/019,927  
Amendment Dated October 28, 2009  
Reply to Notice of Allowance Dated October 8, 2009

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln. No: 10/019,927  
Applicant: Masazumi Yamada et al.  
Filed: May 1, 2002  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING  
THE CONNECTION STATE OF DEVICES  
CONNECTED TO A BUS  
T.C./A.U.: 2111  
Examiner: Thomas J. Cleary  
Confirmation No.: 8653  
Docket No.: MAT-8216US

**AMENDMENT UNDER SECTION 1.312**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated October 8, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☒ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- ☐ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.